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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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In response to the final Office Action mailed October 11, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the claim set in the appendix entitled Clean Version of Pending Claims for the previously pending claim set. The substitute claim set is intended to reflect cancellation of claim 59, amendment of previously pending claims 21, 31, 38, 40-42, 51 and 56, and addition of new claims 60-63. The specific amendments to individual claims are detailed in the following marked up set of claims:

21. (Twice Amended) A bleached bran product comprising bleached bran derived from a cereal grain, the bleached bran product produced by treating bran with an excess amount of a hydrogen peroxide solution and an aqueous alkaline solution, the bleached bran product having an antioxidant activity at least 15 to 35% higher than native bran and suitable for admixing with whole wheat flour to produce white whole wheat flour having an L value on the Hunter scale of at least about 82.

31. (Twice Amended) A whole wheat flour comprising a bleached bran product produced by treating bran derived from a cereal grain with an excess amount of a hydrogen peroxide solution and an aqueous alkaline solution, the bleached bran product having an antioxidant